PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners January 27, 2014

1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jose R. Rodriguez, CPA, President; Bucky Glover, CPA, Vice President (via telephone); Maria M. Lynch, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer; Tawannah G. Allen, Ed.D.; Barton W. Baldwin, CPA; Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA; and Michael H. Womble, CPA.

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Lisa R. Hearne, Manager-Communications; Ann J. Hinkle, Manager-Professional Standards; Buck Winslow, Manager-Licensing; and Noel L. Allen, Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: Josh Goldman, Director of Professional Development, NCACPA; Cal Christian, CPA, NCACPA; Suzanne Jolicoeur, Senior Manager, State Regulation & Legislation, AICPA; and Curt Lee, Legislative Liaison, NCSA.

CALL TO ORDER: President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 16, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted. Mr. Womble abstained from the vote as he was not present at the December 16, 2013, meeting.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The December 2013 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULE-MAKING ITEMS: Mr. Brooks provided an update on the study of occupational licensing boards by the General Assembly as a result of House Bill 74.

Mr. Glover asked that the Board consider 21 NCAC 08N .0305, Retention of Client Records, for rule-making as it relates to the format in which client records are returned to the client by a CPA. Mr. Cook asked that the Board consider 21 NCAC 08N .0307, CPA Firm Name, as it relates to what language a CPA firm may use in its name.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Mr. Cook and Dr. Allen moved to approve the draft response as amended to the Exposure Draft, *Uniform Accountancy Act – Firm Mobility Guidance*, prepared by NASBA and the AICPA. Motion passed.

STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Mr. Brooks reported that he and Mr. Nance attended the NCACPA board meeting held at the AICPA offices in Durham, NC, on January 23-24, 2014. He also reported that he and Mr. Nance attended the January 23, 2014, NCACPA reception that showcased the extensive renovation to the NCACPA offices.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Baldwin moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

<u>Case Nos. C2012292-1 and C2012292-2 - Andy Hudson, CPA, PLLC - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix I).</u> Mr. Baldwin did not participate in the discussion of this matter nor did he vote on this matter.

Case Nos. C2013117 and C2013231 - Cecil J. Cavanaugh and Cecil J. Cavanaugh, MBA, CPA, A Professional Accounting Corporation - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).

<u>Case No. C2013177-2 - Robert E. Starkey, CPA, PLLC</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix III).

Case No. C2013149 - Aichun Li - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix IV).

<u>Case Nos. C2013228 and C2013229 - Donald K. Murphy and the Wesley Peachtree Group, CPAs, dba Murphy and Company, PC</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix V).

<u>Case Nos. C201265-1a and C201265-1b - Eugene E. Nicholas, Jr.</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VI).

<u>Case No. C2013139 - Daniel R. Chappell</u> - Approve a Notice of Hearing for April 22, 2014, at 10:00 am.

<u>Case No. C2013143 – Joseph Parker Auer</u> - Approve a Notice of Hearing for April 22, 2014, at 10:00 am.

<u>Case No. C2013144 - Jane Kathleen Sykes</u> - Approve a Notice of Hearing for April 22, 2014, at 10:00 am.

<u>Case No. C2013200 - Seungwon "Andy" Hong</u> - Approve a Notice of Hearing for April 22, 2014, at 10:00 am.

Case Nos. C2012207-1 and C2012207-2 - Close the cases without prejudice.

<u>Case No. C2013262 – Gary R. Sessions</u> – Accept the signed Notice of Apparent Violation and Demand to Cease and Desist (Appendix VII).

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Ms. Lynch moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The following were approved:

Megan Stein Adams Lori Carol Hamilton Anthony John Reggiannini Nathan William Villaume Benjamin James Wade

Original Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Megan Stein Adams Emmeline Douglas Aghapour Joseph Edward Allen Catherine Rachel Ambler Douglas E. Arvin Sheila Naa Akuama Ashley Brandon Todd Ausley Pierce Larry Autry Tommi Ann Barbour Christopher Brian Bass John Kevin Beasley, Jr. Taryn Roten Boston Coulter Holloway Brinkley Laurel Shackelford Brown Madison Blair Burke Natalia Barrera Caggiano Jonathan Andrew Campbell Alisia Kristina Cedarholm Kevin Chiahao Chang

Amy Michelle Clodfelter Lucinda Jo Ore Collins

Trisha Robin Sarki Crawford

David Clinton Corn

Megan Michelle Creed

Kelsey Brianne Duncan

Ashley Marie Encarnacao

Daniel Jay DelaCruz

James Charles Engel

Amelia Bryant Gayle Alexa Marie Gilbert Bonnie Gillespie Puja Veronica Gomes Walter Lafayette Gray **James Thomas Hackl** Brandon Shawn Hall Christopher David Hall Lori Carol Hamilton Robert Everett Hamilton Ashley Griffin Hamm Terry Bernard Harris, Jr. William Byrd Harrison Tamara Rene Henderson Iames Dunn Holland William Zachary Holland Ruoqi Hu David James Hunt Olufisaho Victor Ijamakinwa Kia Barriteau Ikpe Danny Ryan Jackson Preston Leland Kafka Lidiya V. Kazantsey Catherine Michelle Kelly Ellen Elizabeth King Kurt Louis Kuchenbrod Dhara Manmohan Lakhani Bao-Tran Thi Le

Joseph Ryan Lentz Jennifer Mary Lischer John Alexander Loewer Matthew Locke Long Nicole Anjelica Longa Kari Lyn Luna Christopher Stephan Maciej Corey Edward Mallard Wanda Cordelia Manning Timothy James Manton Ryan Lee Martin **James Alexander McDermott** Robert Elmer Meador Melissa Elizabeth Miller Peter Robert Miller Eric John Modrak Kevin David Moody Neal Wesley Morgan Jaymeson Willett-Day Morris Alyssa Marie Morrow Robert Donald Muirhead Nathaniel Reece Musgrove Jordan Blaine Myers Jianming Ni Thomas Christopher O'Connor, Jr. Ankit Manojkumar Patel Puja Dev Patel Matthew C. Pierce Ralph Daniel Polk Tonya Lynn Schronce Pope Gregory Thomas Portal Katelan Suzanne Price Benjamin Greer Pulliam

Anthony John Reggiannini Danielle Marie Richards April Jean Richmond Emily McLaurin Rogers Amanda Grace Rose Samuel Aaron Saunders Andrew Thomas Schwartz Gabrielle Oriana Shahid Catherine Smith Shomo Chelsea Marie Simon Amanda L. Skonezney **Emily Elizabeth Small** Daniel Alexander Smeaton Kira Kanika Staggers **Joel Brent Stocks** Elizabeth Claire Stollbrink Andrea Jean Storck Patrick James Stultz Kristen Nicole Thompson Hien Hong Tran Marshall Wayne Trull Caitlin Marie Upperman Samuel Miles Upton Nathan William Villaume Benjamin James Wade Charles Michael Walker Rachel Isaacson Werner Shannon Holly Williams Lloyd Alexander Wishon Joseph Thomas Wood Jacob Anthony Woodfin Lindsay Marie Zech Zhiqiang Zhang

Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Rebekah Adair Abben Jacqueline Marie Bardet Sandra Leigh Belfor John Dante Bertolozzi, Jr. Sarah Marie Bonfiglio Lori Lynn Bothwell

Jessica Elizabeth Radford

Kelly Borden Bowman Shannon Leigh Brett Brittney Lynn Brock Jason Thomas Brodmerkel Matthew Wayne Conner Lisa Carmina Conrad

Xiaojie Zheng

Theresa Lynn Conyers Brett Marcus Corder Michael Larry Curtis Brian Lawrence D'Amico Robert Michael Davidson John William Dear Helen Blair Diamond David Alexander Donald Robert Matthew Doran Wayne Michael Eager Christopher Scott Gearing Neal Alan Golub Ryan Clayton Hamelin Marlies Yvette Hendricks Megan Virginia Keller Ronnie Elizabeth Kelley Frank Stephen Ketterly Mary Beth Leeds Sophie Youssef Malati Charles Cameron McGoogan Arnold Grayson Nance Leah Marie Oleski

Martin William O'Neill Carly Jane Osteen Amy E. Pinto James Gerard Radler **Jeremiah Daniel Robison** Nathaniel William Shishko Jessica Kate Simmons Andrew John Smith Joseph Edmond Smith Kristen Michelle Smith Matthew David Snyder Daniel Leo Stilphen Garret Kovach Tripp Jennelle Denise Vickers Lee Anthony Wagner Marcia McCusker Waldron Elizabeth Andrea Wellman Victoria Thatcher Wilkinson Joan Barry Workman Ta-Tanisha Braggs Worrell Donna Marie Yost

Temporary Permits - The following temporary permits were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Robert Michael Davidson T7685 Joseph Edmond Smith T7686 Carly Jane Osteen T7687 John Dante Bertolozzi, Jr. T7688 Marcia McCusker Waldron T7689 Brittney Lynn Brock T7690 Theresa Lynn Conyers T7691 Jeremiah Daniel Robison T7692 Ronnie Elizabeth Kelley T7693 Sandra Leigh Belfor T7694 Matthew David Snyder T7696 Marlies Yvette Hendricks T7697 Shaista Shireen T7698 Leonard S. Refford T7699 Edward David Bedard T7700 Anthony Michael Sclafani T7701 Nathaniel William Shishko T7702

Megan Elizabeth Grim T7703 David Alexander Donald T7704 Lee Anthony Wagner T7705 Jason Thomas Brodmerkel T7706 Donna Marie Yost T7707 Stephen Mark Komer T7708 Jennelle Denise Vickers T7709 Samuel Joel Chimera T7710 Laura Ashley Thomas T7711 Jessica Bullard Lee T7712 Christina Nicole Fuller T7713 Neal Alan Golub T7714 Christian Rose Taylor T7715 Shannon Leigh Brett T7716 **James Gerard Radler T7717 Brett Marcus Corder T7718** Michael Larry Curtis T7719

Mary Beth Leeds T7720

Rebecca Ellen Davenport T7721

Amy E. Pinto T7723

Brian Lawrence D'Amico T7724

Victoria Thatcher Wilkinson T7725

Charles Cameron McGoogan T7726

Henry Lanace Singletary, Jr. T7727

Devin Glenn Crowe T7728

Glenny Guzman T7729

Eric Matthew Carr T7730

Cynthia Ann Miley T7731

Wayne Michael Eager T7732

Megan Virginia Keller T7733

Lisa Carmina Conrad T7734

Thomas Gerald Newberg T7735

Andrew Jay Russ Pasetsky T7736

Robert Bernhardt Gottschalk, III T7737

Tatsiana Hliatsevich T7738

Reinstatements - The following were approved:

Tammie Bland Cartledge #26097 Elizabeth Anne Hester #16105 Suzanne Mary Martin #25527 Anne Jennings Sanders #23467 Leah A. Singleton #31396

Reissuance of New Certificate - Applications for reissuance of new certificate submitted by the following were approved.

Donald Hugh Combs #14848

Jackson Reeves Gossett, Jr. #17797

Firm Registrations - The following professional corporations and professional limited liability companies were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Allen, Inc.

Chris Brady, CPA, PLLC

Karen Byrd cpa pc

Knott & McNutt, CPAs, PLLC

Melissa M Taylor, CPA, PA

Muhammad Akram, CPA, PLLC

Peter Bell, PLLC

THALE, PLLC

Turner & Tyson PLLC

Williford Houston & Co., CPAs, PLLC

Extension Requests - The Committee approved the following individuals for extension for completion of CPE until the dates noted:

Kera Johnson Hinton, #21481 - 06/30/2014 Frederick H. Hutchins, #11640 - 06/30/2014 Albert Pera, #10929 - 06/30/2014

The Committee disapproved the extension request submitted by Peter J. Coode (#23786).

Examinations - The Committee reviewed and approved the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

Michelle Abercrombie

Heather Adams

Nathaniel Adams

Judith Aiello

Jeremiah Akinsola

Mikhail Alexoudis

James Allred

Kristen Alston

Ahmad Altaher

Winda Auguste

James Badgett

LeAnn Bagasala

Catherine Baker

Kathryn Bakstad

Haley Barnes

Tasha Barnes

Valerie Barney

Keith Beam

Brandon Becker

Ryan Beckstead

Darryl Bennett

Tawana Berrier

Cory Billings

Andrew Blackburn

Catrina Blazer

Nicholas Boardman

Michelle Boch

Robert Bonner

Marques Boyce

Russell Bramlett

Madeline Bray

Melissa Brown

Sarah Brown

Joseph Buckland

Latesha Byrd

Michael Carnicelli

Daniel Carter

Kelley Carter

Eric Chamblee

Ray Chen

Ann Cleek

Iennifer Cline

Matthew Collier

Kevin Collins

Sarah Collins

Oneisha Conley

Nicolas Conner

Charlene Cook Controne

Ryan Cornell

Christopher Cox

Elizabeth Coy

Victoria Craft

William Cranford

Chad Crayton

Sherry Cribb

Evan Crim

Chase Crone

Sheree Cuthbertson

Sarah Danford

Laura Davenport

Monica Davis

Morgan Davis

Caroline DeRhodes

Anh Dien

Steven Dinkins

Elizabeth Dinndorf

Richard Duff

Daniel Dumas

Hanna Dunn

Kelsey Dunn

Michael Dunn

Micah Eberle

Emily Edwards

Lynn Edwards

Veronica Edwards

Susan Eisenhardt

Sarah Eljabaly

Patrick Ellison

Laura English

Daniel Epler

Deborah Epperson

Luis Espinosa

Lauren Evans

Hannah Fabry

Hisham Fahim

Matilda Fahnbulleh

Kendra Ferguson

Mary Fischer

Natalie Flannery Jennifer Ford Lauren Frank **Justin Freed** Rachel Gable John Garrett Richard Garrett Karen Gilsdorf Staci Ginsburg William Glidewell James Goodman Nicholas Graham Anthony Greco Shaun Greene Kameron Gress Benjamin Gupton Steven Hagemann Charles Hall Natasha Hall Lincoln Hampshire Felicia Harris Phillip Hathcock John Haus Corey Hawley Karen Haynes Sarah Hazelton Amber Heintz Alyssa Helms Shannon Henry **Emily Henson** Heather Hess Blake Hetrick Jeremy Hiatt Teresa Hinson Lindsay Hoffman Aubrey Hollen Kateryna Hollis Sarah Hopkins Gregory Howard William Howard Brittani Howe Julia Howe Li Huang

Noah Huffstetler Hilary Hughes Nicole Hughes Joshua Hulin Allison Hunt Lucinda Hunt Rachael Huntley Malorie Irwin Loren Jackson Mia Jackson Robert Jackson Lisa Johansen Allison Johnson Stephen Johnson Steven Johnson Audrey Jones Joshua Jones Gregory Journigan Steven Kanczewski William Kane Jaskamal Kaur Maggie Kendzior Zeeshan Khan Supriya Khazanie Vasyl Khokhla Adam King Nicole King Ruth Kinyua Mary Kirkland Shareen Knapik Justin Knight Colleen Koss Andrew Krafft Kayla Kreigsman Danielle Kubinski Timothy Laframboise Robert Lanning Timothy Lavender Molly Le Matthew Lee Rebecca Leighty Brooke Leja Naomi Lemmond

Benjamin Linderman

Gerald Littley Alison Long Amber Lopez Michael Luistro William MacMinn

Seona Mafe Colleen Maier David Mall

Christi Manivanh Jennifer Maready Dennis Martin Larry Martin Samuel Mason Timothy Mausolf

Dananjaya Mayadunne

Courtney Mayes
Sarah Mazur
Tabitha Mbaka
Marcus McAllister
Inge McCrory

Ashley McKimmie
Chad McManus
Jacqueline Messier
Matthew Milbourn
Patrick Milburn
Andrew Miles

Andrew Miles Marla Miller Matthew Miller Michael Mills Praxi Mittal Rubin Moise

Preston Moore

Bradley Moree Saxby Morehead Alan Morrison

Alexandra Morrison

Tara Moser
Janet Murphy
Jutoria Myers
Jarrett Nagel
Megan Naylor
Heather Nelson

Rene'e Neyman Gwendoline O'Brien

Maxwell Ofori Tomasz Olejarz Jason Oliver Anna Olson Andrea Pack David Padykula Anthony Pappalardo

Jooyoung Park
Carla Parker
Genoba Parker
John Parker
Brandon Parks
Tara Parks

Matthew Parsells
Richardson Pate
Meera Patel
Urvish Patel
Emily Payne
Sara Pearson
Simona Peppers
Melinda Perry
Miesha Perry
Laura Peters
Galina Petrova
Margret Phelps

John Pike Ljubica Pilipovic Raymond Pinkston Taylor Pittman Ryan Poser

Brian Phillips

Beverly Pressley
Eddis Price
Robert Prim
Lindsay Quinn
Heather Rafalko
Laura Rainey
Karen Rasmussen
Taylor Rebele
Sabina Redzovic

Natalie Reed

Nghi Reilly Jamie Reynolds Lindsey Reynolds Leata Riggs **Amber Roberts** Crystal Roberts Mary Roberts Christina Robin Curtis Robinson Fred Robinson Ionathan Robinson Cynthia Roeder Ryan Rogers Burnis Rollinson Rebecca Rothrock Whitney Routh Robert Rowe Morgan Rowland Isaac Rowles Jessica Rubinski Holden Rudd Sarah Rupp **Justin Russell** Paula Russell James Salmon Kyle Salmon Ieremiah Satterfield Adam Scarboro Kathryn Schafer Brian Schutz Payal Shah Kseniya Shakotko Corbin Shive Adetoikunbo Shuler Joseph Simmons Jyoti Singh Lanita Slaughter Aaron Smith Courtney Smith Deborah Smith Thomas Snyder **Emilee Somers** Christopher Sparks

Timothy Spence Stacey Stafford David Stagg Tyler Stallings Priscilla Staten **Jodi Stewart** Ryan Stewart Constance Stitt Courtney Stoker Michael Stoltz Jeremy Stone Diana Stoyneva Haley Streich Steven Strickland Marchella Stroud Laurie Strumski **Edward Summersill** Premalata Sundaram Alysse Swink Jacob Taitague Ray Tang Iulia Taranenko **Ieremiah Tate** William Tate Rebekah Taylor Apryl Tessener Natalie Tetterton Lee Thaxton Dianna Thomason Christopher Thompson Sabrina Thompson Kate Thurston Thomas Timoney Tamara Todi Alan Toler William Tucker Kaitlyn Tunstall Nicki Vaughn Landon Vick Kristy Voss Goran Vukicevic Christopher Walker Erin Wallen

Erica Walters
Zao Wang
Travis Weaver
Alex White
Tara White
Erin Whitford
LaToya Wiley
Kristen Wilkinson
Aviance Williams
David Williams

Wazym Williams
Henry Withers
Tyler Woitkowski
Paul Wolitarsky
Brad Woodard
Nona Workman
Bradley Yacenda
Jeffrey Yahn
Joseph Young
Melissa Young

Letter of Warning - Staff has received a CPE report from Linda J. Carroll (#30468) which lists 2012 CPE taken between January 1 and June 30, 2013, without an approved extension. Staff recommended a letter of warning for a first offense pursuant to 21 NCAC 08G .0406(b)(1). The Committee approved staff recommendation.

Miscellaneous - The Committee reviewed and approved proposed language for the moral character sections on the initial and re-exam applications.

President Rodriguez asked the Committee to review the AICPA CPE Direct program at its next meeting to determine if the program should be allowed for CPE credit in North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Womble and Cook moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 am. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

Robert N. Brooks Executive Director

President

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2012292-1

IN THE MATTER OF: Andy Hudson CPA PLLC Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Respondent Andy Hudson CPA PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent firm") is a registered certified public accounting professional limited liability company in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent firm received a "fail" on its most recent system peer review, with an acceptance letter date of September 24, 2012.
- The failed system peer review noted a material departure from Generally Accepted Auditing Standards ("GAAS") by Respondent firm.
- 4. Respondent firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Respondent firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

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- 2. Respondent firm's failure to comply with GAAS is a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0212.
- 3. By virtue of Respondent firm's consent to this order, Respondent firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent firm agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondent firm is censured.
- 2. Respondent firm shall provide a written statement to the Board that it will no longer be participating in, performing, or reviewing any engagements subject to peer review.
- 3. Prior to Respondent firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any engagements subject to peer review, Respondent firm shall be required to complete the following:
 - a. Prior to entering into any engagements subject to peer review, Respondent firm shall provide notification to the Board of Respondent firm's intention to enter into engagements subject to peer review;
 - b. Each of Respondent firm's professional staff participating in engagements subject to peer review shall take a minimum of eight (8) hours of group study SSARS CPE coursework as part of their annual CPE requirements until such time as Respondent firm receives a pass on a system peer review, or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement peer review;
 - Each of Respondent firm's professional staff participating in any audit engagements shall take a minimum of eight (8) hours of group study Audit Update CPE coursework as part of their annual CPE requirements until such time as Respondent firm receives a pass on a system peer review; and
 - d. Pre-issuance reviews, to be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer approved by the Board, for all peer review engagements until determination is made by the Board that said engagements can be performed by Respondent firm in accordance with applicable standards.

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2013117 and C2013231

IN THE MATTER OF:
Cecil J. Cavanaugh,
Louisiana CPA Certificate #000945
and
Cecil J. Cavanaugh, MBA, CPA,
A Professional Accounting Corporation,
Respondents

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondents stipulate to the following:

- Cecil J. Cavanaugh (hereinafter "Respondent Cavanaugh") is the holder of a valid and unrevoked certificate as a certified public accountant issued by the State of Louisiana. Respondent Cavanaugh has a principal place of business outside of the State of North Carolina, but has, as set forth below, exercised a practice privilege to perform services for at least one client in this State. As such, Respondent Cavanaugh is subject to the laws, rules, jurisdiction, and disciplinary authority of this Board, per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(b).
- 2. Cecil J. Cavanaugh, MBA, CPA, A Professional Accounting Corporation (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is not a registered certified public accounting professional corporation in North Carolina. Respondent Firm's principal place of business is outside of the State of North Carolina and has a firm permit issued by the Board of Accountancy in the State where Respondent Firm is located. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent Cavanaugh was the owner and operator of Respondent Firm.

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- Respondent Cavanaugh, on behalf of Respondent Firm, issued audits to a North Carolina-based company, for the fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012.
- 4. Neither Respondent Firm nor Respondent Cavanaugh, on behalf of Respondent Firm, provided the Board with the Notification of Intent to Practice as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act.
- 5. Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondents' failures to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act as set out above, if proven, could constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondents' consent to this order, Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. Respondents are censured.

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Consent Order - 3 Cecil J. Cavanaugh Cecil J. Cavanaugh, MBA, CPA, A Professional Accounting Corporation

Respondents shall remit, with this signed Order, a six thousand 2. dollar (\$6,000.00) civil penalty.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE

Individual authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent Firm

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2013177-2

IN THE MATTER OF: Robert E. Starkey, CPA, PLLC Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and the Respondent firm stipulate to the following:

- 1. Robert E. Starkey, CPA, PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting corporation in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent firm received a "fail" on its most recent engagement peer review, with an acceptance letter date of June 25, 2013.
- 3. Respondent firm's compilation and review reports did not conform to standards, report disclosures were not in accordance with standards, and supporting workpapers did not sufficiently address required standards.
- 4. Respondent firm failed to provide the Board with the Peer Review Report, Letter of Response, and Final Letter of Acceptance within sixty (60) days of the Final Letter of Acceptance as required by 21 NCAC 08M .0106.
- 5. Respondent firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Respondent firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina NC BOARD OF

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Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

- 2. Respondent firm's failure to comply with GAAP is a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0209 and .0212.
- 3. Respondent firm's failure to submit to the Board copies of its Peer Review Report and Letter of Response is a violation of 21 NCAC 08M .0106(a)(4).
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of Respondent firm's consent to this order, Respondent firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent firm agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondent firm is censured.
- 2. Respondent firm shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order
- 3. Respondent firm shall provide a written statement to the Board that it will no longer be participating in, performing, or reviewing any engagements subject to peer review.
- 4. Prior to Respondent firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any engagements subject to peer review, Respondent firm shall be subject to the following:
 - a. Respondent firm shall provide notification to the Board of Respondent firm's intention to enter into engagements subject to peer review;
 - b. Each of Respondent firm's professional staff participating in engagements subject to peer review shall complete four (4) hours of SSARS CPE coursework as part of their annual CPE requirement until Respondent firm receives a pass on a system peer review, or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement peer review; and
 - Respondent firm shall obtain a pre-issuance review, to be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer approved by the AICPA Committee, for the initial SSARS engagement and continue to

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Consent Order - 3 Robert E. Starkey, CPA, PLLC

> obtain pre-issuance reviews until such time as Respondent firm is released from further pre-issuance reviews by the AICPA Committee. Respondent firm will provide all correspondence related to the pre-issuance review to the Board for monitoring purposes.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 12 DAY OF December (Month)

Individual authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent Firm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE _

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2013149

IN THE MATTER OF: Aichun Li, #30603 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Aichun Li (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 30603 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. By Order dated July 8, 2013, Respondent was suspended from practicing before the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for a period of two (2) years.
- 3. The SEC also filed a federal lawsuit to accompany the administrative case. The Respondent consented to the entry of a final judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint. In that judgment, Respondent was fined twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). In addition, per that judgment, Respondent was enjoined from:
 - a. knowingly failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls as required by SEC Act § 13(b)(5);
 - b. aiding and abetting violations of the public reporting provisions at section 13(a) of the SEC Act and Rules 240.12b-20 and 240.13a-13; and
 - c. aiding and abetting violations of the recordkeeping provisions found at Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the SEC Act.

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4. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent's discipline by the SEC constitutes *prima facie* evidence of a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0204.
- 3. If proven, the SEC allegations would constitute a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0203.
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of Respondent's consent to this order, Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondent's CPA certificate shall be suspended for two (2) years.
- 2. Respondent shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) civil penalty.

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3. Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon Respondent's suspended North Carolina certificate.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



BY: President

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF NO BOARD CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS חר CASE #s: C2013228 and C2013229

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Donald K. Murphy

CONSENT ORDER

The Wesley Peachtree Group CPAs d/b/a Murphy and Company PC Respondents

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Donald K. Murphy (hereinafter "Respondent Murphy") is licensed in, and has an office located in, the State of Georgia and has engaged in the public practice of accountancy under a practice privilege granted by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10.
- 2. The Wesley Peachtree Group CPAs (hereinafter "Respondent Firm") has a principal place of business outside of the State of North Carolina. At all relevant times, Respondent Murphy was a principal shareholder in Respondent Firm and was individually responsible for the conduct of Respondent Firm.
- 3. Respondent Firm filed a Notice of Intent to Practice with the Board. In compliance with North Carolina's firm name regulations found at 21 NCAC 08N .0307, Respondent Firm correctly adopted an assumed name, "Murphy and Company PC," to be utilized when transacting business in the State of North Carolina.
- 4. Respondent Firm provided services to North Carolina clients using an unapproved firm name rather than the assumed firm name of "Murphy and Company PC."
- 5. Respondents were previously disciplined by the Board for offering services to North Carolina clients through an unapproved firm name.
- 6. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to

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review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0306 (c)(4) and .0307 (a).
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent's consent to this order, Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondents are censured.
- 2. Respondents shall remit, with this signed Order, a six thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) civil penalty.

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

Respondents

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2012365-1 and C2012365-2

IN THE MATTER OF: Eugene E. Nicholas, Jr., #30785 Eugene E. Nicholas, Jr., CPA

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Eugene E. Nicholas, Jr. (hereinafter "Respondent Nicholas"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 30785 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Eugene E. Nicholas, Jr., CPA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. At all relevant times, Respondent Nicholas was the sole owner of Respondent Firm.
- 3. Respondent Firm was engaged by an entity, which was subject to overview by a division of the Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), to prepare audits for the years ending June 30, 2007, and June 30, 2008.
- 4. OIG has alleged that Respondent Firm failed to provide, upon request, a complete set of audit workpapers for the entity.
- 5. OIG has alleged that Respondent Firm did not conduct the 2007 and 2008 audits in accordance with GAAS, GAGAS, or OMB Circular A-133 regulations.
- Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board Meeting.

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BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondents' actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0403, .0409, .0204, and .0212.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of Respondents' consent to this order, Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondent Nicholas and Respondent Firm shall not offer to perform, participate in, perform, or review any attest or assurance services as defined by 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(5) for at least two (2) years from the date the Consent Order is approved by the Board.
- 2. Prior to entering into any attest and/or assurance engagements, Respondent Nicholas or Respondent Firm shall provide notification to the Board of Respondent Nicholas' or Respondent Firm's intention to enter into attest and/or assurance engagements.
- 3. Prior to Respondent Nicholas and/or Respondent Firm offering to perform, participating in, performing, or reviewing any attest and/or assurance services, Respondent Nicholas shall take and provide CPE completion documentation to the Board of at least forty (40) hours of classroom (non-webinar or webcasts) Accounting and Auditing CPE coursework.
- 4. Respondent Nicholas and Respondent Firm shall obtain pre-issuance reviews, to be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer approved by the Board, for all attest and assurance engagements until a determination is made by the Board that said engagements can be performed by Respondent Nicholas and Respondent Firm in accordance with applicable standards. Respondent Nicholas or Respondent Firm shall authorize and cause the pre-issuance reviewer to provide the Board a copy of each pre-issuance review report NC BOARD OF

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upon its issuance. Respondent Firm shall reimburse the Board for its administrative costs incurred as a result of monitoring compliance with pre-issuance review requirements.

5. Respondent Nicholas shall reimburse the Board for its administrative costs of two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00) incurred in the investigation of this matter.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 14th	DAY OF JAVUANY 2014.
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: Gary R. Sessions Respondent, C2013262 NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND DEMAND TO CEASE AND DESIST

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners ("Board") is authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12 (16) to enforce the provisions of the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant Act through actions for injunctive relief regarding "a single violation" of this Chapter;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-1, "A 'certified public accountant' is a person who holds a certificate as a certified public accountant issued under the provisions of this Chapter";

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-3, "It shall be unlawful for any person who has not received a certificate of qualification or not been granted a practice privilege under GS 93-10 admitting the person to practice as a certified public accountant to assume or use such a title, or to use any words, letters, abbreviations, symbols or other means of identification to indicate that the person using same has been admitted to practice as a certified public accountant;"

WHEREAS, Respondent Gary R. Sessions (hereinafter "Respondent") requested, on July 13, 2006, that his North Carolina CPA license be placed on "Inactive" status and certified that he would not identify himself as a certified public accountant "to any person in any manner;"

WHEREAS, Respondent is not currently licensed as a certified public accountant in North Carolina or otherwise authorized by the Board to use the CPA title in this state;

WHEREAS, Respondent, subsequent to being placed on inactive status, identified himself as a CPA. Those representations were made while Respondent was living and working in North Carolina with a North Carolina address.

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THEREFORE, Respondent is hereby notified and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners demands that he immediately cease and desist from offering or using in any manner the title "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant" in North Carolina unless and until Respondent has been licensed as a CPA by the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

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